

Editorial

It is a great honour and pleasure to introduce this issue of the Sudanese Journal of Paediatrics. It has been a long time since an interim issue of the journal was published in between the annual conferences of the association.

This could not have been possible without the diligence, determination and the enormous effort of the editor, *Dr. Bakhieta Attalla*.

Three areas are highlighted in this issue. The standards of accreditation of medical schools in developing countries are undoubtedly the theme of the hour and are attracting more focus and discussion. It is dealt with generally in this issue.

Newborn health is another health priority area today world wide, especially in the developing world. Newborn nutrition, growth and some neonatal problems e.g. hypoglycaemia are presented in this issue.

However, the outstanding glory highlighted in the issue is the contribution of the members of the association abroad- three papers from U.K., two from Oman and one from Dublin.

It goes without saying that initiation of branches of the association abroad facilitated intimate linkage and relationship between the members inside and outside the country.

Finally this is a golden opportunity to announce the forth coming 15th congress of the association due to be held in Khartoum in November 2007 together with the 15th congress of the Union of the Arab Paediatricians (UAP).

This in the first time for the UAP to convene its meeting in Sudan and we are very excited about the event. We look forward for the genuine contributions and collaboration of all colleague and members.

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